

I am submitting this today to voice my support for the traffic & weather channels offered by XM Satellite Radio. It is my opinion, that, since I am paying for this service, it should be up to me to determine what I listen to, and not the NAB. If they want to monitor & censor what is broadcasted over the public airwaves, then let them take their fight elsewhere. People who listen to satellite radio are paying for a service that they want -- otherwise, we wouldn't pay for it. The NAB's petition, 04-160, is a ploy to hurt the satellite radio industry, because they cannot offer the variety or quality on the public airwaves. Plus, there are so many subscribers of XM radio these days, the NAB feels threatened that they are going to end up in the toilet. This all comes down to the definition of a monopoly. Now that there is competition, the realization that satellite radio is a far superior product to traditional radio has come to fruition, and this is a knee-jerk reaction to it. So, rather than improve their own product, they are trying to attack the superior product. So, I urge you to reject the NAB's petition, 04-160, as it would hurt the free enterprise mentality in which our country was founded on.

Thank You!

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